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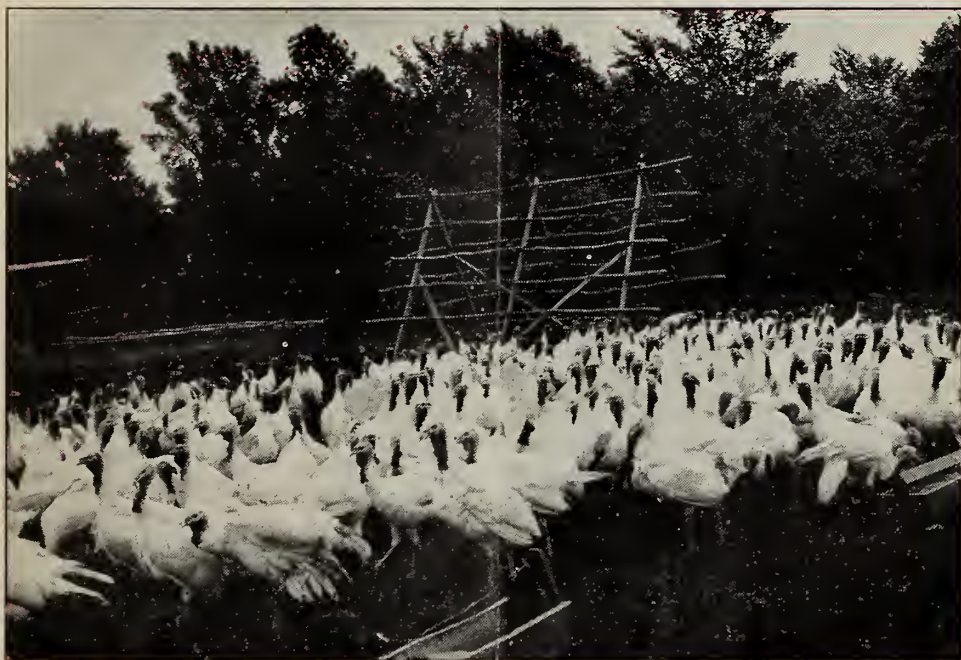


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Scene on the farm of I. W. Griffith & Sons, Galena, Ohio, taken August 25th. These are April-hatched White Hollands and are exceptionally well developed for their age, with outstanding vigor and smoothness of feather. The Griffith's are among Ohio's leading White Holland breeders and have made steady progress during recent years as attested by their show winnings.

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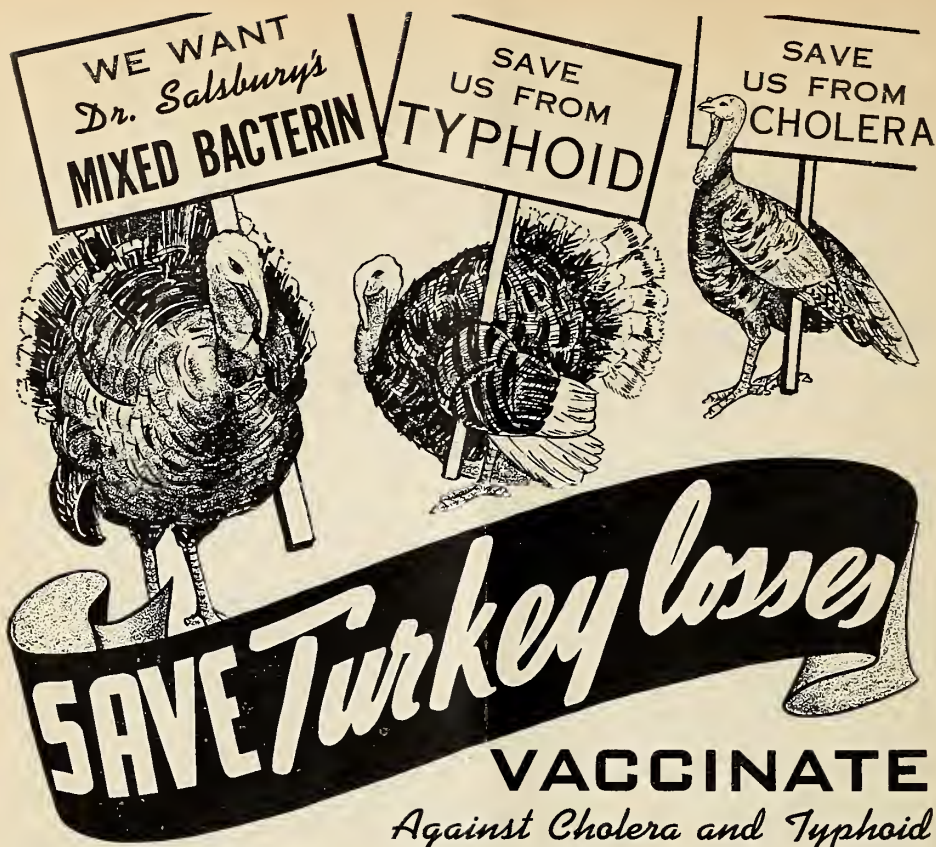
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# Turkeys at Ohio State Fair

Has Best Entry of Any Fall State Fair. Grand Champion Goes to Griffith White Holland Yearling Tom.

By GEORGE W. HACKETT

With an entry of more than 150 turkeys at the Ohio State Fair, about 100 less than the usual entry, it is believed this show again heads the list for number of entries at any fall fair in the U. S. A. At this noted show entries in all classes except Bronze were nearly up to normal, some exceeding the average.

Bronze entries fell flat with only 6 birds in the cages. This was partly accounted for in shortage of help with those who have usually entered large strings and one former exhibitor who usually has entered large numbers, disposed of his birds for business reasons. A change in the premium list, putting both yearling and adult birds in one class, accounted for further reductions.

However the quality was up to the high standard always found at Columbus and interest did not lag even though the list of exhibitors was a bit short. Talking with some of the Bronze breeders it was frankly stated that the current propaganda for the new western turkey had severely cut sales of Bronze breeding stock to a point where advertising through showing was not profitable. Yet there were only 10 of the Broad Breasts entered to displace an approximate

100 shortage in the regular Bronze entry.

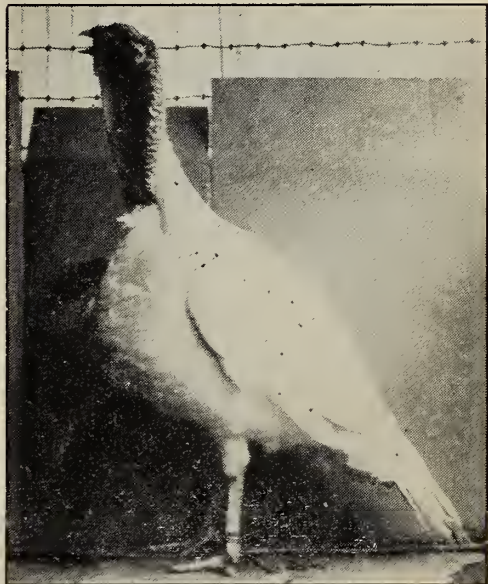
Just what the eventual result will be is unpredictable. Propaganda is a powerful factor in turkeys as well as in war. But there are always a few "stand-bys" who can be counted on to do their full part to put a worthwhile show over and most of these were at Columbus with their birds this year as usual.

Mrs. Owen showed some of her excellent Bronze; The Roloson's and Chambers were there with large entries of Bourbon Reds; the Sheckler's with good entries in both Narragansetts and White Hollands; Mrs. Price and the Griffith's with fine strings of White Hollands; the Wingert's with their usual good entries in Blacks, Narragansetts and Slates, and the Shela Turkey Farm with an entry of 10 quite typical Broad Breasts. These exhibitors were all present most of the week and added much to the interest of the show.

A list of more than 60 attractive special prizes were competed for. Competition for these had been carefully arranged so they

were well distributed among all exhibitors. Space does not permit including this list, with donors and winners, but we do want to commend the activity of the Ohio Turkey Association, and the committee in particular, for securing such an unusual list of special prizes. We also want to commend the effort made by the Association to put on a dressed turkey exhibit in a refrigerated case at the show. The entry was small but the quality of carcasses shown was good and much interest was shown by fair visitors in this display. The exhibit represented the practical side of the industry and was a good start on what can be greatly extended in the interests of the industry.

The writer felt honored to have again been chosen to place the awards in this noted fall show and thus to have the opportunity to again meet one of the finest groups of turkey breeders and exhibitors in this country.



Grand Champion, over all breeds at recent Ohio State Fair Turkey Show. This yearling White Holland Tom won out with nearly 200 birds competing. As a young bird last year he won Reserve Champion at this same show. He is of the right size and ideal in type and was well finished at this early dated show. He is typical of the kind of White Hollands found in large numbers on his home farm of I. W. Griffith & Sons, Galena, Ohio, who won all firsts in this breed at the State Fair at Columbus this year.

### The Awards

The awards were listed by exhibitors' numbers and from the report we have are not designated by name. A splendid White Holland yearling tom shown by I. W. Griffith & Sons was made Grand Champion and a yearling Narragansett tom by Sheckler's, Reserve Champion. Sheckler's also won Sweepstakes Display. Other entries deserving special mention for their quality and high placings were: Mrs. Homer Price, White Hollands; Mr. & Mrs. E. P. Roloson, Delaware, Ohio, Bourbon Reds; Mr. & Mrs. Earl Chambers, Bourbon Red, Columbus; and the excellent Blacks and Slates shown by the Wingert Turkey Farm, Bucyrus, Ohio. Mrs. Sam Owen, Seville, Ohio, showed four very fine Bronze and T. O. Moore, Cumberland, Ohio, was another exhibitor in the Bronze class and the one new exhibitor listed. One of the most surprising things about the show was the development of the young birds in most of the classes, at this early date, Aug. 23, some weighing more than 20 pounds. For many years Ohio has led all the State Fairs of the country in number of entries and has demonstrated what can be done by a state turkey breeder's association alive to their opportunities.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 7-10—Poultry Industry Exposition, sponsored by the Northeast Poultry Producers Council, Harrisburg, Penn.  
 Oct. 18-25 — American-Royal Turkey Show, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Nov. 24-27—Denver Turkey Show, Denver, Colo. P. M. Pierce, Manager.  
 Nov. 25-29—Northern States Turkey Show, Alexandria, Minn. Judges: George W. Hackett, Prof. O. A. Barton.  
 Nov. 29 - Dec. 1—Minnesota State Turkey Show, Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis. Don Deveuny, Secy.-Treas., Linder Hills Station, Minneapolis.  
 Dec. 4-6—Missouri Turkey Show, Richland, Mo. Hollis B. Franks, manager.  
 Dec. 9-13—Northwestern Turkey Show, Oakland, Oregon. E. G. Young, manager.  
 Dec. 11-15—Turkey Show of the Chicago International Poultry Exposition, Chicago, Ill. Geo. Fitterer, Secy., Box 464, Chicago.  
 Jan. 12-16, 1942—19th annual All-American Turkey Show, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Frank E. Moore, manager, Fargo, N. Dak.  
 Sept. 22-26, Sept. 29-Oct. 3, Nov. 3-7, Nov. 10-14 — Dr. Salsbury's School of Poultry Diseases, Charles City, Iowa.
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## AITKIN TURKEY TOUR

The annual Aitkin Turkey Growers tour and banquet will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd. The tour will assemble at nine o'clock A. M. in front of the Aitkin Court House. Leading turkey growers' flocks will be visited. A general good time is in

store for all. Take a day off and attend this big annual event climaxed by a turkey banquet with all the trimmings in the evening.

MRS. I. E. SHISLER, Secretary  
 Aitkin Turkey Growers Assoc'n, Inc.  
 Aitkin, Minnesota.

## CHICAGO SHOW DEC. 11-15

The Chicago International Turkey Exposition, sponsored by the Chicago International Poultry Exposition, Inc., will be held in the world famous International Amphitheatre, December 11-12-13-14-15, 1941. The turkey show will be under the supervision of capable turkey breeders and the classes will be judged by national as well as international famous judges. The list of judges will be announced later.

Be sure to place your name for a copy of the premium list with George Fitterer, Managing Director, P. O. Box 464, Chicago, Ill.

## MINNESOTA GROWERS

### GET NTF REPORTS

To the members of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association:

"I arrived home yesterday from Kansas City. To make a report on the directors' meeting of the National Turkey Federation—first, I will announce that there were two changes on the executive committee which were: I. Summers of Hamilton, Texas, replaced Mr. Norris of Alabama, Mr. R. E. Baumgartner replaced Mr. Trask of Wisconsin. I think these changes were an improvement as we now have representatives from two of the largest producing turkey sections in the United States. That seemed to be the point that was recognized by the directors that were present at the meeting.

We had a very fine, constructive meeting which lasted all day in spite of the heat. Many of the problems of the turkey growers were discussed at length and some very constructive planning was made for the future. The point, however, that came to my attention more than anything else was the fact that many of the states have failed to organize their state organization. Minnesota should be proud of the fact that the growers within this state have banded themselves together in an organization for the purpose of promoting the welfare of their industry and by so doing, are now in a position to cooperate with other states for the promotion of the welfare from a national standpoint.

I was very proud to be able to represent the growers from Minnesota, realizing that they are far ahead of most other states in the development of their own organization here in Minnesota. This fact, I believe, was one of the reasons why the directors felt that Mr. Baumgartner should be on the executive committee of the National Turkey Growers Association.

In polling the representatives from the different states on the production this year



it seemed to indicate that the production of turkeys will be about the same as last year, with the possibility of the crop being a little bit later. That is especially true in the northern section. Everybody was optimistic as to the outlook for 1941 prices, which coincides with our ideas here for Minnesota.

I feel that the National Turkey Federation is on the right track and will develop into an organization that will be of real profit to the growers themselves. We need the support of every grower within the state of Minnesota. It becomes a duty of the members of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association to help promote their own organization within the state which naturally, will strengthen the National association.

Yours very truly,

Land O'Lakes Creameries, Inc.  
L. L. Getten, Production Manager.



Mr. A. E. Peifer, manager of the Litchfield Produce Co., one of the largest buyers of turkeys in central Minnesota, outlines the market condition as of July 1, 1941, for the Minnesota turkey grower.

Dear Mr. Baumgartner:

The government report of turkey holdings as of July 1st, just received shows holdings this year of slightly over 28,000,000 pounds against 30,700,000 pounds last year, and a five-year average of just a little over 20,000,000 pounds. The reduction in the month of June was some over 2,400,000 pounds, which we feel is a mighty good showing in the face of the increase in prices which were in effect during the month. There is a possibility that there may still be a slight increase in the price of heavy frozen tom turkeys as we understand the supply is limited, but we do feel that any increase would tend to curtail withdrawals.

We look for good prices on turkeys this fall, particularly those that will be ready for early marketing, and all in all 1941 should be a profitable season for the turkey grower.

Sincerely yours,  
Litchfield Produce Company  
A. F. Peifer, Manager.

Mr. Harry E. Schneider, secretary of the Meeker County Turkey Growers Association, announces the date of the annual Meeker County Turkey Day. Through the efforts of our Secretary, this association is very active and Turkey Day at Litchfield is worthwhile affair. If you have a Turkey Growers Association, let us hear from you.

(By Harry E. Schneider, Secretary, Meeker County Turkey Growers Association)

Plans are going ahead for the annual Meeker County Turkey Day, to be held about Sept. 20. The local turkey men believe in advertising turkeys in the form of genuine turkey sandwiches, which are served free.

The slogan for the day is "A gobbler in front of every business place and a free turkey sandwich for everyone." The gobblers are raffled off during the day to the lucky number holders, and the sandwiches are served by the business men.

About 200 turkey growers and their friends attended the banquet held in the evening a year ago, at which Dr. Billings was the chief speaker. The local growers believe that last year's Turkey Day program stimulated local turkey consumption about 10 per cent over previous years.

Harry E. Schneider, Secy.

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## THE STANDARD BREEDER

By GEO. W. HACKETT, Judge

• September will soon be here and with it comes the further development of the young stock — the Standard Breeder's inspiration in the development and appearance of his season's product. There will have been the usual disappointments in one way or another but it is safe to venture that the balance will be strong in the opposite direction. More "sold out" reports on eggs and poults have come to us from standard breeders this season than in any year we have noted. Standard breeders have not been asleep and the improvement they have made in their flocks has not been overlooked.

A turkey of excellent type is a good "market bird" even if it does have attractive plumage. The annual A.P.A. Convention at Kansas City is past and no "crisis" in the turkey industry has developed, that we have heard of. The petition filed by the White Holland Club was given due consideration but was not adopted. However it was referred to a special committee and some standard changes may result a year hence. We predict, however, that any changes that may be made in standard type or in scale of points will apply to all breeds of turkeys.

No petition was filed nor action taken relative to "Broad Breasts." There will doubtless be good classes of the latter at the coming shows and they will be judged under their Club standard, but they are still "non-standard" and cannot compete for sweepstakes prizes. We hope this will be changed in another year.

The purpose of this department is to keep the breeders of standard turkeys posted in the history of, and happenings to, their favorite breed. This month we will endeavor to throw some light on the origin and progress of

### THE WHITE HOLLAND TURKEY

Like all turkey breeds the history of the origin of the White Holland is very meagre and fragmentary. Some writers claim that historical data points to its origin as a separate breed in continental Europe where it was known as the Austrian White. It is known also that a white turkey was raised in Holland and when imported into this country by Dutch immigrants was known as the White Holland. In the opinion of other recognized authorities it was the sport offspring of Bronze, and probably the Mexican Black. In Europe it was claimed to be a sport of the Mexican Black turkey.

That is about as far as its origin can be traced. While it would be fine to know just whence came the first bird of this breed yet it really doesn't matter much, except to note the great improvement that has been made in present day White Hollands.

They were listed in the first "Standard of Excellence" edited in 1875 and published in '76. Weights of the Whites as listed in the 1894 Standard were: "Cock 26 lbs.; Cock-

erel 16 lbs.; Hen 16 lbs.; and Pullet 10 lbs." They were listed simply as "White Turkeys." In the 1905 revision weights of young birds were increased to 18 and 15 lbs. respectively. In the 1910 revision weights were as follows: Cock 28; Cockerel 20; Hen 18; Pullet 12.

In the 1915 revision the class for "adult cock" was added with the weight remaining at 28 lbs. and the "yearling cock," 24. It was not until the 1930 revision that weights were raised to those of the present as follows: Adult tom 33 lbs.; Yearling Tom 30 lbs.; Young tom 23 lbs.; Adult hen 18 lbs.; Yearling hen 16 lbs.; Young hen 14 lbs. The foregoing advance in weights is indicative of the general progress made in this breed, or perhaps the improvement has exceeded this weight advance.

White Hollands have gained rapidly in popularity in recent years and are raised in large numbers in all sections of the country. They are being promoted by a live Club composed of enthusiastic members. There has been a tendency, in some sections, to breed them too large and coarse but in general they are a very desirable market size and, due to their white plumage, can be dressed out quite young as fryers or soft roasters, without the objection of dark pin feathers.

The White Holland is a grand turkey that does not need a special standard to place him on par with other breeds.

### Praises Standard Breeder Articles

Let me congratulate you on your fine articles in the American Turkey Journal. As an admirer of standard breeds of turkeys, your guidance has greatly encouraged the improvements which are being made. The American Turkey Journal is to be complimented for its service to readers and subscribers.

ROLLA HENRY, Mercer, Mo.

## THE MARKET

At mid-August prices were as follows in New York: Young Toms (fancy): 12-14 lbs., 26½c-27½c; 14-16 lbs., 30c-31c; 16-20 lbs., 33½c-34½c; 20 lbs. and over, 34c-34½c. Young Hens, (fancy): 8-10 lbs., 26½c-27½c; 10-12 lbs., 27c-28c; 12 lbs. and over, 28c-29c.

Breeder Old Toms sold at 25½c-26½c and Old Hens at 24½c to 26½c, depending on weight.

Freezer holdings of turkeys was 19,762,000 lbs. on August 1st against 29,470,000 a year ago. The 5-year average is 15,951,000 lbs.

Out of freezer movements during July was 8,276,000 lbs. against 7,227,000 lbs. a year ago. The 5-year average is 4,171,000 lbs.

Market comment was to the effect that while all poultry holdings exceeded the 5-year average by about 20,000,000 lbs. the out-of-freezer movement, which was about one million pounds better than the good year of 1940, indicated a steady to firm market for the immediate future.





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## IN THE WAKE OF THE SHOW

Every important activity, commercial, industrial or educational, has its "show window" by which to display its products before the public. These demonstrations are called by various names: exhibits, displays, shows, fairs, expositions, etc., etc. The purpose is always the same and with results likewise the same, varying according to the importance of the project and the effort behind it.

In any and all such demonstrations it is only those who are in some way vitally interested in the project and products exhibited, who furnish the exhibits, the labor, materials and the enthusiasm necessary to make such events a success, and all are alike in fundamental essentials.

The Turkey Show is different from other shows only in its product and details involved in staging the demonstration. The essentials here referred to are: there must be general public interest; there must be substantial financial backing and due publicity. There must be economic value in the exhibit, yet it must have that which appeals to the esthetic by way of beauty, glamour and attractive arrangement. Each of these qualifications will make different impressions on different people who view the exhibit but it is the sum total of these impressions which counts.

The essential which is doubtless the most vital to the success of any show or exhibit is the enthusiasm shown by the exhibitors in their pride in the exhibits and in their winnings in close competitions. There are few shows of any kind in which all these essentials are so realistic and so strikingly displayed as the turkey show, and there can be added to this, the general good sportsmanship always present.

The exclusive turkey show is now less than two decades old and yet the results which can be credited to it, directly and indirectly, are beyond measure. It would take more space than is here available to enumerate even a major portion of these results but they are a matter of record to be found principally in the rapid expansion of the turkey industry coincident with the advent of the turkey show; with the improvement in turkey quality through educational programs at the shows and the publicity which followed; also through the closer association of turkey raisers at the shows where improved methods have always been discussed.

The better methods did not usually originate with the average grower although many of them did, while more important developments came about through experiments conducted by scientific men at our Agricultural Colleges of the country. Great credit must be given for this tireless research work but the shows have rendered a great service in placing it before the turkey raiser and the general public.

Since the holding of the first exclusive turkey show in the world, at Grand Forks, North Dakota, in February, 1924, shows have spread to every important turkey growing section; the publicity given them through the press and over the radio, including national broadcasts, all of which has been far-reaching in promoting the industry. We sincerely believe that no other one factor has done so much to advance the industry to its present status as has the Turkey Show.

The statement has recently been published that until very recent years, turkey raising and turkey shows were indulged in as a "hobby." The statement is not only notoriously untrue but is likewise an insult to hundreds of practical, conscientious turkey breeders who have always had the economical value of the famous American bird first at heart and have continuously sought to improve that characteristic, and with great success. Such a statement could originate only from ignorance of facts or



for the purpose of unfair propaganda. While it is true that with some turkey breeders the importance of color has been over stressed, and with the isolated exception here and there, turkey raising in this country has never been indulged in as a "hobby." Instead, the size and conformation of the turkey has been improved from the date of its domestication and much credit is due to all those who have played so important a part in accomplishing this through the years. We also know it to be true that greater progress has been made in the economic qualities of the turkey since exhibits of dressed turkeys found a place at practically all turkey shows and thereby added further value to the show.

It would not be fair, however, to grant that all this progress belongs to any one breed or class of turkeys or to any one section of the country. New features are being added to the shows continually, which are getting down to the very bottom of facts and those who honestly achieve the highest standards of success in any phase of turkey improvement are entitled to the same degree of credit that their successes merit, just the same as is due those of the past.

Regardless of how much may be accomplished economically, no show will long endure which does not have appeal for its beauty, color, form and arrangement. The Turkey Show is the "show window" of the industry and deserves the support of all who are interested in the industry.

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Forecasts on the turkey crop are now in order. From most reliable reports the number of poults hatched last spring was somewhat less than a year ago, ranging from 5% to 15% in different sections and with only a few localities reporting increases. But even if the number is less the tonnage may not be less in the same proportion. The following quoted from a letter from Mr. Chas. W. Wampler, president of the N. T. F., indicates this: "The turkey crop in Virginia is going to be just a little less than last year, as there was something like 10 to 15 per cent less poults hatched but they have done unusually well so there will not be that much shortage in the selling crop."

The shortage of labor on turkey farms, caused by the greater demand for employment at higher wages in defense projects, is materially affecting the turkey grower. Turkey prices would have to be much higher than they are likely to be to afford anything like the minimum wages now being paid in industry. Even WPA wages cannot be afforded by the turkey grower and the short day demanded would not suffice at turkey work. Things are badly out of balance and the answer is not in sight.

Storm shelters, or some suitable protection against a possible recurrence of last Armistice day blizzard, should be under consideration by every northwest turkey grower. The chances are probably not one in fifty that such a storm will again occur but it is not safe to speculate on the weather. A good storm shelter is a good investment, and really necessary any year to protect birds against even minor losses, and especially desirable for breeding birds held over. In that tragic storm of last November several flocks which had only dense timber

protection came through with scarcely any loss.

"They want a Standard." That is the consensus of exhibitors of the Broad Breasts with whom we have talked at fairs and shows, and they want it to conform with existing standards so their birds can be judged on the same basis as the other classes. They want a definite color pattern adopted and that must come if popularity for the breed is to be maintained. Such a standard would be forthcoming at once if left to a vote of the breeders. It is only the obstinate attitude of a few that is causing the delay.

Sell when finished. It seldom pays to hold turkeys for higher price after they are well finished for market. Profits that could be realized can soon be lost through extra feed consumed. In holding birds longer than necessary one assumes risks in various forms which may cut deep into profits. That is not good business and the turkey industry has become Big Business and should be handled accordingly.

Banding time is at hand. In early-hatched flocks the latter part of September is satisfactory for banding; in fact, has many advantages. The first of October banding should be well under way. The cost is small and benefits are many. Make plans early to avoid disappointments.

## From a New Zealand Grower

(Editor's Note: A recent letter to THE JOURNAL from a New Zealand grower contains much of interest on turkey growing in that far-distant country and we are publishing it herewith. Mr. Mervyn L. Dillon, the writer, lives at Great South Road, Bombay, Auckland, New Zealand, and would doubtless enjoy hearing from some of our American growers. His letter was dated July 20th, 1941.)

You will note by the address that I am a little out of the way for the usual request

for a copy of your journal.

I have here some of Dr. W. A. Billings' Turkey News Letters and I delight in reading them. Dr. Billings mentions your journal and I would be pleased to have you send me a copy with particulars to subscription prices, etc.

Our country is at war and the government will not give permission to anyone to send money overseas, but I am going to try in the meantime to see if they will let me subscribe to your journal.

Some of your readers might be interested to hear of the turkey industry in this part of the world.

Out here turkeys are not reared on a very large scale. I am the biggest breeder and I have only eight acres. That does not allow me very much room to carry a large flock of hens to breed from.

I am breeding from Mr. O. J. Shelton's strain Mammoth Bronze wings which I imported from Pomona, Calif. They are fine birds and I am known to have the best in this country. Last season I sent six months old breeding toms as far as 1200 miles south. Out here I don't sell eggs but young birds at six months old.

This season my young stud birds at seven months old, live weight, toms 29-31, pullets 14-18. All birds I do not want I kill at six months or as soon as pins are gone, and freeze them myself till Christmas. The only market here, unless the shipping orders come in and there are no tourist boats about. Six of your warships were here and wanted 2,000 lbs. of turkeys, which could not be supplied; some of it was, but not all.

I reared 500 young birds this year and am sending you a couple of snaps of them.

I am a butcher by trade and have not a large place; we do the turkeys as a sideline and the others who rear them are mostly people with a lot of land but don't bother to rear many.

If you should publish a copy about this I would like you to send me one of that issue.

## SELECTING THE BREEDERS

This topic we cover each year, sometimes more than once, for its importance cannot be overestimated. We are now at the season when this work should begin, but definite selections cannot be made with a "once over" on immature birds. But there are certain characteristics in immature birds which are of great importance in making selections which may be lost sight of as they approach maturity. Most successful turkey raisers, especially those who have a definite breeding program in mind, are well aware of what these potent characteristics are. They will vary materially in different flocks, due to previous care and selection, which has stamped the desired traits and conformation to a greater degree in such flocks than in the average flock, yet these same characteristics will be found in varying degree in all flocks.

Because turkeys are generally raised in large flocks they are likely to be looked at from the "flock" viewpoint rather than from the individuality of the single bird, yet each and every bird has its individual characteristics just as surely as does the larger specimen in livestock. But in the latter, these characteristics are more conspicuous, each individual is looked upon as being different from its mates, and doubtless has a name attached to it. A similar viewpoint is found among a very limited number of turkey raisers, yet it does exist.

Where the trapnest is used and records kept, the selection of breeders is less a problem, yet from no single mating will all the product be desirable to retain as breeders. An occasional reversion, in either type or color, is almost certain to crop out and these should be discarded. In cases where poults have been bought, or where no record has been kept on matings, selections must be made from physical appearances which show up in development, conformation and temperament.

The first trait to be noted is that of development. Rapid development is very important but should not be taken alone as the basis for selection, or at least in the final selection. Quick development at the expense of size is not desirable. If desired type and symmetry is present along with early development the selection is a safe one, barring later appearance of faults.

Specific physical characteristics which should be noted are: a well-shaped, medium broad head and strong beak, and with prominent eye; neck of medium length, medium short shanks, with legs set well apart. The back should be broad in proportion to size of bird, rather flat and carried full width, well back to tail. A healthy, vigorous bird is usually a smooth feathered bird showing width of feather as well. Another feature we have always found to be important is the temperament of the bird, which is usually evident from action and attention to the caretaker. The way a turkey walks about the pen is significant.

The careful breeder will be found with a supply of temporary bands in his pockets whenever he goes to the flock, and he will pick up birds as they appeal to him and as opportunity permits and slip a band on the leg. It is always best to select a considerably greater number than it is intended to hold over as breeders, as some will need to be discarded on the final selection.

Where the ages of birds in the flock vary it may be difficult for a person with limited experience to make the best of selections unless the birds are marked as to age, and even then some of the better of the later ones will be left out because their development does not show up favorably with the older birds.

In mentioning later hatched birds we do not mean those hatched late in the season, for it is well established that the earlier, well developed birds are the best for breed-



ing; yet, as between those hatched in April and those hatched a month later, there would be little preference, although they would appear differently in the flock.

Other important considerations are: age at time selection is made, also the general condition of the flock. Selections in all breeds should be on the same basis, size alone differing. In the preliminary selections, even in standard birds, color should have only minor consideration. The characteristics mentioned should be considered first; color can be taken care of in the final selection. State and national organizations are doing good work for turkey raisers in well known certification and banding programs.

Regardless of how well the flock owner knows his turkeys, few are able to satisfy themselves in making the definite selection of breeders for his own flock, and of those he will offer customers. Nor is this advantage confined to high class breeding and show birds. The commercial grower can be benefited equally with the others and at very little cost compared to results obtained. The steady gains in quality in flocks in which this method of selection has been carried on for years attest its worth.

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Haven't heard from any of our members the past month and know you are all busy with your turkeys and hauling feed. It sure takes some feed in this section of the country as we have to buy nearly everything we feed at the present time.

Another show season is about upon us and most of you will be busy picking out your best birds. Don't forget good type as well as good color.

The New York State Fair starts next week and they will have quite a turkey show this year with 134 birds entered. They will be judged by Judge E. Y. Smith, who most of you know. Stress is being placed on meat type, if two birds are of equal type, the best market bird wins.

We heard our loyal member Charles Wampler boosting Blacks over the radio from the Kansas City convention.

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I am sorry I didn't have news for our club page last month. Sometimes it's impossible to think of an interesting subject to write on and we do depend on our members to furnish news for our page. I hope from now on we will appear in every issue of the turkey papers. Won't you all help?



Mrs. W. J. Janda

We were so pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Mack Burnett and daughter Joyce spend an evening at our house the first part of August. They had toured Northern Minnesota and were on their way home. Joyce had her vacation from her duties as society reporter on the Fargo Forum, a daily newspaper. Mack is getting along fine. He can get along without his crutches indoors. It is five years since the accident, and most of this time he has been in a hospital. But we are glad he is recovering. (By the way, we wish to extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burnett, who were married in June.)

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Utne, Ortle, S. D., write as follows: "We are as interested in our Standard Bronze as ever as we like color too well to do otherwise. We have a nice flock of turkeys this year. Had good hatches all season and the poults grew so fast. Our egg business was very good, too. We could not begin to fill orders received. Our crops are fair. We had a nine day heat wave which rushed ripening so the quality will not be the best. We had an abundance of rain all spring." (Utne expect to show again next fall. They have one of the finest flocks of Standard Bronze in this section of the

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country. Their hens have been the envy of us all at past shows.)

Rolla Henry, Mercer, Mo., writes: "I've intended to write for so long but I've been unusually busy. Have had no regular help this year as hired hands that are dependable are hard to find since the draft. We have a bad drouth now. Since July 23 it has been 93° to 105° every day and no moisture. Crops and pastures are burning badly. We have had fine vegetable crops and also berries. Oats were fairly good and of excellent quality. Most of harvest work is completed here. I am still all for good Standard Bronze. They possess very good quality that makes them a perfect market bird, besides their beautiful color." (I am all for good colored Bronze. If too much attention has been paid to color why have we Bourbon Reds, Narragansetts, Blacks, etc. Good hatchability and fertility is a big factor in turkey production and our Standard Bronze excel in this feature.)

"Our April poults are beginning to strut. We have some extra fine quality showing up and I hope to be back in the North again this fall showing a few birds anyway. We had such a heavy demand for eggs and poults that our own flock is rather small, only one hundred fifty birds; but every one of them are A quality."

Howard Tanner, Gettysburg, S. D., sent in a membership from Mrs. Fred L. Buss, Bradley, S. D., a booster of the Standard Bronze. She showed birds at the All-American and South Dakota, winning high awards on birds shown. Mr. Tanner has now sent in seventeen memberships to our club. Who'll give him a race?

MRS. JANDA, Secretary.

## NARRAGANSETT CLUB NOTES

A. C. Payne, President - - Towner, N. Dak.  
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Another month has rolled around, which brings us just that much closer to the marketing season of this year's turkey crop. Most growers report that their turkeys have been making very satisfactory growth so this means the turkeys ought to be in prime condition when the marketing season rolls around. With all other meats proportionately higher, we can expect a good price for the turkeys also.

It also seems quite evident that there will be a good demand for breeding stock this fall and winter and for eggs and poults in the spring.



Mrs. Ole C. Nelson

Our county fair is now in full swing at Alexandria, Minn. The 4-H boys and girls have quite a few entries of turkeys in both the marketing class and the breeding pen. Jane Martinson had a very nice pen of Narragansett turkeys, but the turkeys were not judged yet when I was in yesterday so I do not know who got to be the Blue Ribbon Winner.



Mr. Nelson met George Gilbertson while we were at the fair grounds. He stated he had 1200 Narragansetts this year that were coming along just fine.

I just received a letter from Mrs. Sadie B. Lloyd (Sadie Caldwell) reminding us that the American Royal Turkey Show is just around the corner and that they would like to have our club contribute a trophy for the champion Narragansett Turkey of the Show. This we are very glad to do and we only hope there will be at least four paid up club members exhibiting at the show so our trophy can be given to the breeder of the Champion Narragansett Turkey. We sent a silver service set down there last year and Mrs. Lloyd had to return it as there were not enough Narragansett exhibitors. Now you Narragansett breeders better get busy and see that you have sufficient members and exhibitors so an award can be made this year.

I think all Narragansett breeders should think about bringing some of their best birds to the nearby shows and fairs. There are more and more people becoming interested in Narragansetts every year. The large commercial growers have also become more interested in Narragansetts than ever before because they mature quicker and they do make a nice family size turkey. Let us all do our part by bringing our best turkeys to the leading shows, and also by advertising in the turkey papers.

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By MRS. A. C. PAYNE, Sec'y - Towner, N. D.

School days again! The children anxiously scamper off to another year of work and play. So it is in the turkey industry. This month people are beginning to wonder where they are going to get their breeders for next year—others are selecting their most mature and best feathered birds for the shows.

Here in our own territory the school men are talking turkey show. Towner is planning for the McHENRY County Show, with Mr. Herman Larson, Smith - Hughes instructor, in charge, with his fine bunch of Future Farmers as assistants. As yet dates have not been set. The



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Mrs. Frank Zimmerman, of Drake, was here and paid her dues and Journal subscription. She says her turkeys are coming fine, but she lost quite a few in that summer storm. She said many others in that neighborhood lost turkeys, brooder houses, windmills and barns.

Just had a friend call me and ask what to do for worms and mites. This warm weather is just ideal for worms. Hope you are all keeping your flocks on clean ground and away from the chickens and chicken coops. If they get lice or worms it takes twice as long to build them up again after they commence going down hill; and remember, it's the early birds that are the money makers.

Harvest here is completed and many have their threshing done. So far we have not threshed. Crops are very good so there should be lots of grain to finish off the turkeys.

Suppose some of you are wondering if new grain is good for the turkeys. According to Dr. Billings, grain that is fit to thresh is ready to use.

Mrs. O. J. Vinje, Churches Ferry, was passing through town one Sunday and called us up. We would have enjoyed a real visit a lot but a telephone call was very acceptable. She says their Bronze and Broad Breasted turkeys are coming fine. They also have a few Narragansetts. I believe she said they had about 500 turkeys and a nice crop of grain as well.

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